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H. R. 60

To require the Secretary of Education to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on methods for identifying and treating children with dyslexia in kindergarten through third grade.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Early Detection of
5 Dyslexia in Children Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT BY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION**
2 **ON IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF**
3 **CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA IN KINDER-**
4 **GARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE.**

5 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Education, in con-
6 sultation with the National Academy of Sciences, shall
7 conduct a study on methods for identifying and treating
8 children with dyslexia in kindergarten through third
9 grade. In carrying out the study, the Secretary shall con-
10 sider—

11 (1) whether there is a biological basis for dys-
12 lexia;

13 (2) whether dyslexia is caused by—

14 (A) a brain-based phonological deficit that
15 prevents an individual from breaking down
16 written words into component sounds;

17 (B) post-natal experience, including inad-
18 equate instruction; or

19 (C) a combination thereof; and

20 (3) the cost of implementing a program on a
21 nationwide basis to identify and treat children with
22 dyslexia in kindergarten through third grade.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education

- 1 shall prepare and submit to Congress a report containing
- 2 the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

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